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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI TH SN BM

SUBJ: PROPOSED GOS SALE OF M-16'S TO RTG

REF: SINGAPORE 5065

FROM POINT OF VIEW OF US INTERESTS IN BURMA, SALE OF US-LICENSED OR US-MADE M-16'S TO RTG IS ONLY OF CONCERN TO US IN CONTEXT OF GUB'S LINGERING SUSPICION OF NON-OFFICIAL AMERICAN LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR INSURGENTS OPERATING IN THAI-BURMA BORDER AREA. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT GUB IS SOMEWHAT DISTURBED BY QUANTITY OF US ARMS IN THE HANDS OF INSURGENT FORCES, MUCH OF WHICH STEMS FROM LEAKAGE FROM US MAP/MASF PROGRAMS ELSEWHERE IN SEA. SHOULD SOME OF THE M-16'S FIND THEIR WAY TO INSURGENTS' HANDS, IT COULD FURTHER FUEL THIS CONCERN. ON THE WHOLE, HOWEVER, WE ACCEPT THAT THE SALE ADVANCES OTHER US INTERESTS AND ONLY EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THE RTG CAN BE CONVINCED TO MAINTAIN TIGHT CONTROL ON THE WEAPONS. FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, IT MIGHT BE marginally HELPFUL FOR THEM TO COME FROM SINGAPORE RATHER THAN US.

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